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The global war on terrorism is not a war that we sought, but it is a war that we must finish. We are not waging war on the believers of any one religion or the citizens of any country. To date, more than 650 American servicemen and women have paid the ultimate sacrifice in Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) and more than 4,000 have done the same in Operation Iraqi Freedom (Iraq). We must honor these brave men and women and continue to work with our allies to combat terrorism and secure a bright future for the people of Afghanistan and Iraq.

We must continue to deny our enemies in Afghanistan the freedom to operate, grow, and prepare to strike us again. I support President Obama's plan to deploy an additional 30,000 troops to Afghanistan to assist Afghani security forces in training for the planned redeployment of American troops home. I would enjoy nothing more than returning every one of our deployed servicemembers back to their families and hometowns, and thankfully we are on track to bring back all American troops out of Iraq by the end of 2011.

The success of our nation's military depends upon the support of the American people, the training of our troops, and the tools that they are provided. Throughout the 111th Congress I have championed efforts that would reform how the armed forces procure technology and services.

Notably, I have fought for the continued funding of the Joint Strike Fighter's alternate engine. This program alone demonstrates the significance of major defense contracts. If done poorly, they risk costing the taxpayers millions of extra dollars and could jeopardize national security. If done well, they will save taxpayers money and provide America's military with additional capabilities. The Joint Strike Fighter's alternate engine program helps to fix a flawed procurement system and is a critically important mechanism of ensuring our nations' safety.